

DVCC Medical Committee

Southern Delaware: July 7, 2015

Milford State Service Center, Annex Building

I: The meeting was called to order and introductions were made by those present at the meeting. In attendance were: Dawn Culp (Bayhealth and Committee Chair), Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke) and Natasha Smith (DVCC Staff). Those present at the meeting also approved the April 13, 2015, Southern Medical Committee minutes as written.

II: Old Business

a. Medical Manual

Update of changes to Medical Manual

Those present at the meeting reviewed slides and a poster sent to the DVCC by Noël Duckworth (DCADV). Those present at the meeting discussed adding the additional slides to the Medical Manual training. Parties present also discussed adding someone from one of the Domestic Violence Shelters as a presenter for the medical manual training. Those present thought that the slides would need to be condensed to fit with the time constraints of the training. Those present thought that most of the information on the slides was already contained within the current power point slides and the medical manual. A possible solution discussed would be to add a slide of the Project Connect "Four C's" poster to the training and add a smaller version of the poster to the medical manual.

Parties present at the meeting thought that it was a good idea to have DV shelter workers as presenters for the Medical Manual training. Parties agreed that it was important for DV shelter presenters to discuss what they do specially for their shelter population regarding health services. They also thought that it would be beneficial to have a face to go with the name of those working in the DV shelters.

CEU renewal update

Parties agreed that there would need to be extra time added to the training as well as increased continuing education credits if additional slides and presenters were added to the Medical Manual Training. Those present thought that adding an extra thirty minutes to the training would allow enough time for any slides added and questions training participants may have. This would bring the total training time to two hours and half hours (including a 15 minute break). This change would need to be reflected in the CEU application.

Another issue raised during the meeting was to stress the importance of everyone over the age of 18 being a mandatory reporter for child abuse. Those present at the meeting believed it would be a good idea to clarify that in the Medical Manual as well as in the training slides. Those present at the meeting believed that a number of people in the public and professional arena still think that Medical Professionals are the ones responsible for reporting child abuse.

Distribution

Those present at the meeting thought that ER's, all colleges in Delaware, High School Wellness Centers, CNA nursing programs (such as Beebe, Polytech, Sussex Tech), all Pediatrician Offices, Urgent Care Centers, Clinics (such as La Red, La Esperanza), Adult Protective Services (APS), Department of Family Services (DFS) workers and Childcare Centers (possibly offering continuing education credits) would be good places to send the Medical Manual. Those present thought that the DVCC could send out the revised Medical Manuals with a letter letting recipients know that the DVCC could provide free training on the manual to their staff. Those present thought that just sending an email to those agencies/offices mentioned above would not be as effective as sending a physical copy of the revised Medical Manual.

b. Medical/Legal Forum

Those present discussed the possibility of doing a statewide Medical/Legal Forum. If a statewide training is not possible, we should look at the possibility of combining Kent/Sussex counties and have an additional training in New Castle County. Those present discussed what topics could work for the Medical/Legal Forum as well. They thought that it may be a good idea to partner medical and legal professionals together to work through a scenario in which there are both medical and legal challenges.

III. New Business

a. OCA Mandatory annual training.

It was agreed that issue of the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) mandatory annual training would need further discussion. Parties agreed that it would be a good idea to reach out to OCA to see what power point slides are currently being used for Medical Professional licensing.

IV. Trends in the field

Kathy Hudson (Nanticoke) would like to highlight and applaud a few of the Bilingual State Troopers from Troop 4 that have recently worked on a few cases. Kathy thought that they did an outstanding job working with victims.

V. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports given at this meeting.

VI. Other

There were no other additional agenda items discussed.

Respectfully Submitted By: Natasha Smith DVCC Staff 7/15/15